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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

#### FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### *Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*Howard Hagan*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

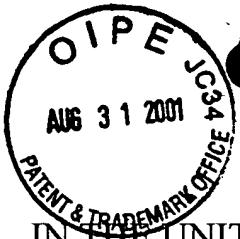
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Applicant(s): William Lawrance, Howard Hagan and David S. Edwards

Invention:

METHOD & DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM PROVIDING CHECKPOINT/RESTART ACROSS  
MULTIPLE HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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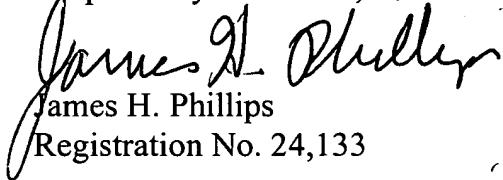
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application, the combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed herewith along with a copy of the Notice. Please charge the fee of \$130 to Deposit Account number 02-4616. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed. Also enclosed is an Assignment signed by missing inventor, Howard Hagan.

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